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AM 2009-025

TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESIDENTS' TREE PROGRAM

Agenda Date:

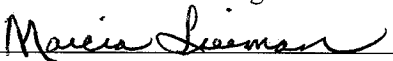
Town Board Meeting – March 10, 2009

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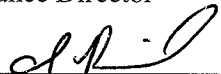
Memo from Parks and Open Space Commission Chuck Beehler

Fiscal Note:

This item was not budgeted for 2009.


Finance Director

Submitted by:


Jordan Eichem

Approved for Presentation:


Town Administrator

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Projector _____ Laptop _____

Certification of Board Approval:

Town Clerk

Date

Summary Statement: On September 9th, 2008, the Board of Trustees approved the Parks and Open Space Commission's proposal to develop a proposal for implementation of a Residents' Tree Program for the Town of Frederick. After additional consideration, the Parks and Open Space Commission proposes that the Town of Frederick implement a subsidy system that would allow one \$100 voucher to be distributed, per home, on a first come, first served basis, with fifty vouchers (for a total budget expenditure of \$5,000 in 2009) being available for distribution in 2009. If the vouchers are extremely popular, the program could be expanded in future years.

Detail of Issue/Request: Commission proposes that vouchers be embossed with Town Seal in order to prevent forging. Commission has been in contact with multiple tree farms that are interested in participating in the program as partners with the Town. Commission would like to engage multiple tree farms as business partners in the program as long as all participating tree farms adhere to fair business practices and provide competitive pricing.

Completed application for participation in the program would be required in order to receive voucher. Proof of Frederick residence would be required. Only homeowners would be eligible, no renters.

Legal/Political Considerations:

Alternatives/Options:

Option A: Approve implementation of program for 2009 as proposed.

Option B: Approve implementation of program for 2009 with changes.

Option C: Do not approve implementation of program.

Financial Considerations:

This item was not part of the 2009 Budget, but could be funded by the Open Space Fund. As with all unbudgeted items, this may create a need to appropriate additional sums later this year.

Staff Recommendation: Approve implementation of program for 2009 as proposed.